

REMARKS:

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-20 were pending. Claims 9-20 stand allowed, claims 2-8 stand objected to, and claim 1 stands rejected. Pursuant to this Amendment, claim 1 has been cancelled, and claims 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 have been amended. Claims 2-19 remain pending.

Allowance of claims 9-20 is noted with thanks.

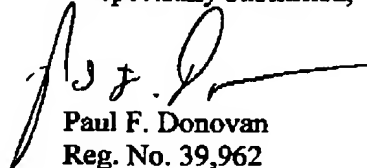
Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Huang (U.S. Patent No. 5,826,534). However, claims 2-8 have been found to contain allowable subject matter, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, without agreeing with the Examiner as to what is or is not taught by Huang, claims 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 have been rewritten in independent form. Claim 4 depends from claim 3, and claim 6 depends from claim 5, thereby making claims 4 and 6 allowable for the same reasons applied thereto as well as for the additional subject matter recited in each.

No new matter has been added by way of the amendments and remarks made herein. Reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any remaining issues that can be addressed and expedited by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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